

Public Law 99-407
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Joint Resolution

To designate October 6, 1986, as "National Drug Abuse Education Day".

Aug. 27, 1986

[S.J. Res. 386]

Whereas drug abuse in the United States is a major health problem that damages our social institutions and threatens our most valuable human resource—our young people;

Whereas the 1984 National Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking stated that "prevention has come to the forefront as the essential element in the long-range goal of eliminating drug abuse"; and

Whereas President Reagan has called drug abuse one of the gravest problems facing the Nation and has further warned that if we, as a Nation, fail to act we run the risk of losing a great part of a whole generation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) October 6, 1986, the first school day of Drug Abuse Awareness Week as established in Senate Joint Resolution 354, is designated as National Drug Abuse Education Day. The purpose of National Drug Abuse Education Day is to focus national attention on the rapidly escalating threat that drug abuse poses to the Nation's health, by calling on the President of the United States to proclaim a national day.

(b) As a part of National Drug Abuse Education Day, the President shall—

(1) call upon every elementary and secondary school, and all institutions of higher education to devote the day's curriculum to instruction on the physiological, psychological, social, and legal consequences of drug use and abuse; and

(2) call upon students, parents, community groups, and local law enforcement agencies to actively participate in programs sponsored in conjunction with National Drug Abuse Education Day.

SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act, the term "drug" shall include—

(1) any substance listed in section 102(17) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(17)); and

(2) alcohol.

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